

Abstract

Role of the Parliamentary Party Groups in the Constitutional system of the Czech Republic

The ultimate goal of my work was to fill in the blank spaces on the map of the Constitutional system of the Czech Republic by thorough examination and detailed description of the role and the status of the parliamentary party groups (PPGs) in it. However, this thesis is not just a general introduction, but a complex study of the actors of such importance and influence that it keeps one wondering, why they had remained out of a scope of the mainstream scientific research in our country for so long.

After the necessary theoretical introduction to the subject of the parliamentary party groups within the field of the legal and political sciences, I examined the existence of the PPGs within the Chamber of Deputies, their relationships, interdependence and interconnections with the political parties and finally their inner functioning in close detail.

It was necessary to deal with a number of serious issues and answer several important questions during my research, most notably: the question of the nature of the parliamentary party groups, i.e. whether they are bodies of the Chamber of Deputies, bodies of the political parties or whether they even possess their own legal personality. It was necessary to deal with the issue of the requirements the group of MPs has to meet to be able to establish a PPG or with the issue of determination of both an institutional and personal interconnections between the PPG and the political party, the nature of such interconnections and how they influence the behaviour of the PPG and the political party respectively. Obviously, the role of the PPGs in the legislative process also had to be taken into consideration as a subject of my study.

The central question of my work was the inner functioning and organisation of the PPGs. It was necessary to overcome the resistance of the PPGs, with some exceptions, in their decision not to disclose any information. This situation heavily influenced the whole study and could not have been ignored. It was reflected in the final part of my work called *Transparency of the PPGs*.